

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office action mailed 17 July 2009. The fee for an appropriate Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

Claims 1-104 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. The present Response amends claims 1, 13, 14, 45, 76, 77, 93, 95, 96, 100, 102 and 104; cancels claim 2, and adds new claim 105, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1 and 3-105. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

I. RESULTS OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

The Examiner and SPE Thai Tran are thanked for the courtesy of the interview they conducted with the undersigned and with two of the inventors on January 5, 2010. During the interview, the participants agreed on a series of amendments to the independent claims, as well as language for the new independent claim 105 added herein. A copy of the handwritten Interview Summary handed to Applicants at the conclusion of the interview is attached hereto for convenience.

All of the amendments to independent claims as set forth in this Response C are as agreed during the interview, with the following exception: in claim 1, in the first element in the body of the claim, Applicants have added "having a memory", so that the claim element reads, "a first memory card having a memory". These words are added so as to provide clear antecedent basis for the term "the memory" as used later in the claim. Applicants do not believe this changes the substance or spirit of the agreement reached during the interview. Should the Examiner disagree, or should he find any other discrepancy, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned. Conforming changes have also been made in the dependent claims.

As set forth in the Interview Summary, it is believed that all of the claims now pending in the application should be allowable over the applied prior art. Should the Examiner's further search uncover any additional art that raises concerns, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that all issues can be resolved in an expeditious manner.

II. SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

As required by the Interview Summary, this section sets forth Applicant's Substance of Interview.

1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted:

A mock-up of a camera with a removable memory card was shown. A Compact Flash card was also shown, as was a Palm Zire PDA.

2) An identification of the claims discussed:

All of the independent claims were discussed, as was new claim 105 added herein.

3) An identification of the specific prior art discussed:

Christopher, Kaltenecker and Lee.

4) An identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner.

As set forth herein.

5) A brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner:

Applicants reiterated their disagreement with the outstanding rejections, but offered to make amendments that would satisfy the Examiners' concerns.

6) A general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed:

None.

7) If appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner:

As set forth in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

III. OTHER MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

The claim amendments made herein are made without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue different or broader claims later.

An IDS was submitted prior to the January 5, 2010 interview, to cite additional references similar to Watanabe U.S. Patent No. 4,887,161 mentioned in the Background section of Applicants' specification. Applicants believe that all claims distinguish over these references, taken singly or in combination. Should the Examiner have any questions about this, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

The fee for the addition of a claim, as well as the fee for an appropriate Extension of Time, are submitted with this Response.

Applicants believe no other fee is due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment related to the present submission to our Deposit Account No. 50-0869, under Order No. JMZ 1000-IUS from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Interview Summary

Application No.

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Date of Interview: _____

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No

If Yes, brief description: Mock-up of Camera w/ memory card.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 45, 74, 92, 93, 100, 102, 104.

Identification of prior art discussed: Christopher, Kalknecker & Lee.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

It appears that the proposed amendment of including the feature of "operating standalone" overcomes the applied prior art. Additional claim(s) would be filed with the same features.

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